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What has become of the East Side park idea?

Chicago must be a dull place this week with all the statesmen gone. It is getting to be a part of the

regular routine of the baseball umpires in the Western Association to

A Chicago paper is authority for the statement that "elaborate gowns and hats were displayed by the women attending the national Republican con-

Justice Burch likes a good ball game but he lacks a great deal of having the expert knowledge of the great na-tional game that his colleague, Justice Muson has.

County Attorney John Schenck has almost worked himself out of a job. Since he has effectually disposed of the joints there seems to be a great lull in the criminal business of the county.

an optimistic turn of mind. He sees no indications of defeat for himself in the political horoscope, but then it takes an optimist to be a successful politician.

Some one has recalled that the hottest summer Kansas ever experienced was that following the great flood of But don't leave for the mountains yet for history seldom repeats

the remains of the deceased.

While 7,000 people over in North Topeka were affected by the flood for the period of one week, and most of them Kansas blizzards have felt the sharp driven from their homes, yet only 98 persons made application to the poor commissioner for assistance.

Has it ever occurred to you that you can get as good a meal at Topeka restaurants for 25 cents as you can get in the large cities for twice that sum? And still you hear a great many people fussing about Topeka's restaurants.

The men who used to make an easy living in Topeka standing behind a long bench and dispensing liquor have all left for parts unknown. The business of selling liquor was never so

visitors to foreign shores this month. But there is no cut in the railroad rate from Topeka over the 3,000 miles of distance intervening between the near-

was going to find a candidate against on the office of auditor.

There has been much talk and many suggestions about protection by levees from another overflow of the Kaw. This month is none too soon to see all this talk crystallized into a form that try, dairy and similar products that will insure action. The work itself brings the surplus to provide the comshould be begun this summer.

The Knickerbocker Trust company and the Vanderbilt railroads failed to farmer's horizon and so largely a REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. ings this week, but the county assessor reports an increase of four times in personal property in Shawnee county over the assessment of last year,

The Stahl Sunday school picnic has grown to be a great event in Shawnee farmer has come to be recognized as an event of such importance that govproper, together."

Table, France, Bulgaria and Russia proper, together." to accept an invitation to be present.

properly enforced in that locality. ome members of the city council who are designated as "liberals," but who in the prostitution of one of the laws of the state, have repealed the Wichita ordinances relating to the enforcement of the prohibitory law, which been on the statute books of that city for no great time. They repealed these ordinances over the veto of the mayor. But the Wichitans, who are favor of law and order within their fair city, need not worry. There's a man in the state attorney general's ffice now who will see to it that the prohibitory law is enforced in Wichita and Sedewick county despite the desires of the local officials to the contrary, and these local officials will have to explain their laxness.

GENERAL WARNER NOW. While Senator William Warner Missouri has been engaged only in political warfare since the great campaigns of '61-'65, where he won the rank of major, yet he is now spoken of as "General" Warner by all the big western newspapers in connection

with his office as chairman of the otification committee to W. H. Taft, the Republican presidential nominee. Surely the Missouri and Kansas papers remember the slogan in the Mis ouri gubernatorial campaign twelve

"Warner, Warner, Major William Warner, Stand up for Missouri, boys, And cast your votes for Warner."

NEW HONORS FOR LONG. And now they are talking of mak-

ing Senator Chester L Long of Kansas chairman of the national Republican committee. A few days ago there was a hint that he could have the vice presidency but he adroitly sidestepped the honor; at the same time he was put forward as the champion of the administration ideas as embodied in a national platform; and now comes this latest suggestion which further emphasizes the esteem in which he is held by the powers that

But Senator Long will not b chairman of the national committee. Oh no. He has a month or more of business ahead of him in Kansa which he will not want to neglect. He is going into the high roads and by paths in Kansas and talk it over with the people and judging by the way he has started out he is going to have the time of his life. He has already. as the victim himself acknowledged. "skinned" William Allen White, the foremost of all his critics and he has yet to devote his attention to the men la of lesser prominence who have as- Idaho penitentiary. of his life; it will be strenuous but as a disciple and champion of the Roosevelt administration he has become acwould not forego the pleasure promised by this experience for a little thing like being manager of the Taft campaign in the United States by means. So Mr. Taft will have to look joke. campaign in the United States, by any elsewhere for some one to conduct his campaign and leave Senator Long to Kansas.

COBURN AND KANSAS.

There is no man who has done so much to correct false impressions about Kai as as Secretary F. D. Coburn of the state board of agriculture. The announcement that the grand oursh of July picule is to be held in man who dares to throw his giove in editor thinks that it is lamentably Fourth of July picule is to be held in man who dares to throw his glove in Garfield park on the North side will the lists and utter a slander on the weak? doubtless astonish the pessimists who fair name of the Sunflower state. Sechave been pronouncing eulogies over retary Wilson of the Roosevelt cabinet still bears the scars of the encounter with the Kansas champion and even the humble newspaper reporters and headliners who have dared to write of prick of his lance.

> Just now Mr. Coburn is engaged in proving that Kansas is a corn state. He has issued a tiny brochure under the euphonious if not altogether comfortable title "The Corns That Kansas Farmers Have," that is a wonder In conciseness and brevity. Here are a few extracts. Read them

and then be glad you live in such a

"Her spectacular crops have focuse the attention of the world upon Kansas as the premier wheat-grower Wheat is supposed by many to be the unprofitable in Topeka as it is right state's chief agricultural asset. It might, however, appropriately termed but a curtain-raiser to The rate war of the ocean steamship main performance, as Corn is the big companies is attracting hundreds of crop in Kansas, and by far the greatest contributor to the state's wealth."

"In the past ten years the value of Kansas' corn crops has been \$81,371,212 more than that of the wheat produced in the same period, which included six What has become of the man who of the state's greatest income-bringing wheat crops. In the preceding ten State Auditor Nation because a clerk years the corn was worth nearly \$168,in his office wrote a few letters for a 000,000 more than the wheat. Kansas candidate for governor. Mr. Nation corn was worth over \$6,000,000 more seems to still have a pretty firm grip than all her other products of the soil in 1902, and in two preceding seasons corn outvalued all the other Kansas

field products, wheat included." "It is the conversion of its corn on the Kansas farm into beef, pork, poulfortable homes and build the school houses, colleges and churches that are such common objects on the Kansas measure of his ambition."

"In 1905 Kansas raised about an average crop of corn, but the yield was more than that of all South America, which of course includes the muchadvertised Argentina; was over 80,000,-000 bushels greater than the combined county and this simple institution crops of Canada and Mexico, and exounded more than 25 years ago by a ceeded the same year's crops of Egypt,

"Jewell county, Kansas, raised in 1896 nearly 11,000,000 bushels of corn. Wichita will soon be in need of the This was more than the combined sassistance of a special attorney gen-eral to see that the prohibitory law is land, North Dakots, Montana, Wyom-

ing, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Ne vada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts are really nothing more than connivers and Connecticut, or considerably more than the aggregated output of California, Colorado and Florida in the same twelve months."

"In corn Kansas is a billionaire; ir the last twenty years the state has raised 3,087,239,945 bushels, worth on the farms where grown over \$912,969,

"In Kansas, corn is the monarci cereal and prosperity's barometer. And Whoseever will may come!'

JOURNAL ENTRIES

A man may be pretty smart but he is wise indeed who knows when not to say things.

The man who talks the most about his prowess is usually the one who falls down when the test comes. There are meaner men in the world

than a baseball umpire, but in the mind of the average baseball fan they have not yet been found. Every man makes mistakes but it s only those who are great that icknowledge the error.

It is a great deal easier to do a thing than to spend your time think-

JAYHAWKER JOTS

Don't dare to ask who Sherman is

takes the world into his confidence in the following paragraph: Wish the electric dish washer had been invented before we learned the business.

William Allen White, who wrote breezy things about the Chicago convention, of any writer on duty is back home and will now confine himself to the doings of the state normal summer

The Clay Center Dispatch prints two columns of automobile gossip. That is doing pretty well in a town of three or four thousand inhabitants, but this is Kansas where every one owns an au-

It might be well to explain that Dr. H. Orchard, who will be one of the attractions at the Belleville Chautauqua next month, is not the person of similar name who holds forth in the

Kinsley Graphic: It is reported that which was used by Mr. White. Sena-tor Long is going to have the time of his life; it will be strengers but as large number of dry spots that have

Vincent Jones" candidate for

Douglass Tribune: The talk about putting penitentiary prisoners to work upon the public roads sounds well on the surface. It could be done by keeping two or three husky guards over each prisoner to keep him in operation and to prevent his jumping his job. The Kansas newspapers are now telling what they think of the Republi-

GLOBE SIGHTS.

(From the Atchison Globe.] We are all getting both barrels these days.

Every man is fierce in his thoughts, and mild in his actions. It isn't trouble that kills: it's hav too many good times.

If you want to keep your friends, don't use them too much.

Give a man a new pen to try, and he will write his own name. Unless a politician acts crazy, peo-ple say he is not in earnest.

In every parade, a very tall man walks beside a very short one. Some men never spend money lib-erally for anything except whisky.

As people grow older they don't go around looking for fights so much. A father is more patient with hava husband.

It is the consolation of old age that everyone knows someone older who is alive and well.

It is said that the good and useful are the first to die, and it is too bad; but it makes the rest of us feel safer, Most men are cowardly about storms: nearly all the men fear a storm as much as they fear their

When a girl is fourteen years old, a man begins by raising his hat to her half the time, and soon he is doing it all the time.

one as good as she is, and every man occasionally sighs because he doesn't know anyone as bad as he is.

Every girl in love thinks she has founds the only man of his kind in the world, but the married women know that all men are fearfully alike. Old women say that the more a man spends on a girl during the engage-ment, the greater the likelihood that she will want for necessities after they

Nearly every woman who buys a hat, tries to get the milliner to prom-ise not to make another like it, and is back in a few days to roar because she has seen one like it.

[From the New York Press.] A very dishonest thing about a wo-man who is married for her money is not to have it.

One of the most satisfactory things about having a big family is that it isn't any bigger. A woman can love a man because some other one does when she could

hate him under ordinary circum-When a man tells the exact truth about what time it is when he comes home late it makes his wife suspicious of where he was.

About as mean a trick as your poor relatives that you have looked down on can play is to make money and then do it to you.

KANSAS COMMENT

GARDEN CITY NATIONAL FOREST.

President Roosevelt has just signed a proclamation creating additions to the present Garden City mational forest amounting to 205,107 acres. This proclamation also provides that the original forest, known as the Garden City, with the additions shall be called the Kansas national sas national forest. The additions will sas national forest. The additions will sas national forest. The additions will surface are papers to be burned. It's fine to have a man in call: But let the dressmaker arrive And man is of no use at all.

the additions shall be called the Kansas national forest. The additions will bring the area of the Kansas national forest up to 302,387 acres.

The forest is located in Finney and Kearney counties, in the sandhill region of Kansas, on the Arkansas river. Its creation received the support of the entire Kansas delegation in congress, and, through petitions, the additional support of industrial associations and the citizens generally of the counties in which this land is situated.

The Kansas national forest was cre-

The Kansas national forest was created mainly for experimental planting, since the rapidly increasing demand for timber in the agricultural communities adjacent has led the people to believe that this sandhill land, otherwise worthless except for a limited amount of graging, can be made to produce timber. Fair success has been obtained with black locust on lands similar in character, and it is thought that further experiments will demonstrate that the entire sandhill region south of the Arkansas river can be made to produce timber.

Just let a seamstress enter there And man is insignificant; He cuts no figure—not as much As does the family rubber plant. They do not want to see him round. wise worthless except for a limited south of the Arkansas river can be made to produce timber. To this end the forest service has

made arrangements to plant 65,000 seedlings of valuable hardwood species on this forest this spring. A new planting station at Garden City to supply trees for the future planting on this forest was established March 1, on a tract of five acres of land which was leased from the county commis-sioners of Finney county for an annual rental of \$1. The annual capacity of this nursery will be 300,000 trees. The value of timber for fence posts, fuel and other domestic uses, which it is believed this forest is capable of producing, is almost incalculable in this practically treeless ountry. It is unparticulable to the forest saviles. questionable that if the forest service is successful in these experiments many private individuals will benefit from the results obtained by the government, and plant trees for domestic purposes in conection with other work on their ranches.

Tree planting experiences in Kansa have been many and varied Ignorance of proper methods of planting and caring for the trees and the frequent choice of stock entirely unsuited to the region brought many fallures during the year following the enactment of the old timber claim act. There have been "Chelitze." Had her husband died, she could have married some one else many successes in tree planting where A Blue Rapids furniture store advertises to give away, absolutely free, a Chautauqua ticket with every \$20 purchase. This is an excellent chance to get either some cheap furniture or a cheap ticket.

Handy successes in tree planting where land owners have exercised judgment and care in the work, however, and the fine groves of trees in the western part of the state give promise of the reclamation of much of the great stretch of land lying south of the Arkansa river known as the sandhills—

THE WISE DOUMA Russia has made no great strides in he matter of self-government since its first douma met three years ago, and the people have continued to en-joy the terrors and hardships which have long distinguished Russia from the rest of the world. hasn't done much good couldn't, not having the right, A legiscouldn't, not having the right. A legislative body naturally feels somewhat backward and uncertain how to to proceed if there is a prospect that its best efforts will be unheeded. But lately the douma has done something which should meet with the approval of everyone, from the grand dukes to the peasants. The doums has refused to appropriate five and a haif million dollars for the construction of four dollars for the construction of four battleships during the current year. Considering the luck Russia has had in the past with her naval ventures it is strange that anyone had the nerve to suggest such a bill. The Russian peasants have certainly had enough of war and warships, and the czar would feel the same way if he were as wise as the peasants.-Atchison Globe

FROM OTHER PENS

GERMANY'S GREAT VITALITY. In the German empire the records vital statistics are so accurate and complete that they may be taken as complete that they may be taken as substantially perfect authority upon the movement of the population. These reports showed 2,084,739 births in 1906 and only 1,174,464 deaths. The margin on the side of life was 910,000, in round figures. That is an extraordinary surplus in a country so old and so densely populated as Germany. It is probably the largest excess of births over deaths which is to be found in any deaths which is to be found in any country of the world, among a white population of practically one race, Russia alone excepted. In the United States the vital statistics are so im-perfect and incomplete that it is im-possible to determine accurately the possible to determine accurately the normal excess of births over deaths. It is probably less than the German average of 900,000 a year, although the population of this country is fully 25,-000,000 greater than that of Germany. Nor does the German empire lose such of this natural increase by emi-

gration. In recent years the demand for labor has been so strong in Ger-many that the gain by the inflow of Austrians, Swiss, Poles, Bohemians, and Russians has fully offset the very moderate losses through the outward movement to America and other coun-tries less fully occupied and developed. tries less fully occupied and developed. Indeed, every test shows that Germany is extremely virile, teeming with life and strength and all of the elements of progress. Yet this great material growth does not prevent remarkable devotion to music, art literature and learning. The German people preserve their old ideals, broadened and made higher by national progress. And that, to many outside observers, is the finest to many outside observers, is the finest phase of German greatness.—Cleveland

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Whether Mr. Wu Ting-fang was in solemn earnest or was speaking in a slightly satirical veln, he made a significant statement, when he said, in answer to a question, that, no matter how strong China might become, she never would be actuated in her international relations by racial prejudices against the Caucasians, for "the heathen of regarding all mankind as of common origin and kin.

What the awakening of China realls means, as interned to the horses of the West Indies, and for long weeks, in many parts of Canada, windfall apples form the horse's only food. In Tasmania peaches and in Arabia dates take the place of the usual hay and oats, corn and bran.—New York Press.

Remarkable Fatherhood.

They were talking about a certain famous statesman's remarkable fatherhood—at 70 he had children three, four, and five years old.

"I can tall you

mon origin and kin.

What the awakening of China really means, as interpreted by the broadviewed Minister Wu, is that she will become strong enough to maintain her sovereign rights and protect herself from aggression, when by this fact the far eastern question will have been solved. The Pacific will rival the Atlantic in its trade and commerce, and universal peace will follow as a necessary circumstance.—Boston Globe.

A man is handy round the house
Most every day, as you'll agree;
He's handy at housecleaning time,
At any rate he ought to be.
At canning time he seals the jars,
He's useful summer, spring or fall;
But on the day the seamstress comes,
Then man is of no use at all.

WHEN MAN IS USELESS.

The women folks are glad to see
Him grab his hat and rush away;
When he is near they always act
Afraid that he is going to stay.
They tell him not to come for lunch,
Nor even call them on the phone;
When there's a seamstress in the house
Man has to live his life alone.

Strange Deathbed Divorce To save herself from participation in what orthodox Jews regard as the in what orthodox Jews regard as the most solemn and distressing ceremony known as "Chelitze." Mrs. Mary Chartman, a pretty nineteen-year-old woman, of Williamsburg, was divorced from her husband. Noah Chartman, while he was lying on his deathbed in Bellevue hospital. The decree of divorce was granted to her by a rabbi and gives her the right to marry any man that she chooses.

.According to the Mosaic law, the widow of an Orthodox Hebrew must marry her dead husband's brother in the event that she is left childless. But the brother of the deceased must be unmarried, and unless she married she must undergo the "Chelitze" cer-

There were two reasons why Mrs Chartman sought a divorce from her husband, to whom she was married only a few days ago. The first was instead of her husband's brother if he had granted her "Chelitze." Now it won't be necessary for he

to go through "Chelitze" in the e that her husband dies, because has been divorced from him. The strange ceremony is performed in the temple on the Sabbath morning. The brother of the deceased dresses himself in the "Kittel" in which religious Jews are buried. A large wooden shoe is put on his right foot. Around the shoe is placed a strap, a part of which is tied into a very tight knot. The widow is compelled to enter the temple, which is pitch dark, and she is ordered to united the knot. It often takes three to because it tie the knot. It often takes three to ht. A legis-four hours to untie the knot, because

> Police Sergeant Mylett and Wil-liam Mahan, and Patrick Sullivan, residents of the South End, proved themselves near heroes yesterday when they saved a horse, owned by a scrap iron dealer, from committing

The horse had his head buried in water which filled a trough in front of the Woodland avenue cemetery, when Mylett came to the rescue. The driver had attempted to back the animal away from the trough, but could not budge the beast. When the police officer tried to coax the horse to put his head out of water he had no better success. Then Mylett called better success. Then Mylett caned in needs a n Mahan and Sullivan to his aid, and the three men by main force pulled the three men by main force pulled the san't he trough. The sergeant ordered the driver to take the animal to the barn and get another horse to pull home the load.
The driver said that the horse tired, and that he thought he would refresh the steed by watering him at the cemetery trough. After the ani-mal took one swallow, he buried his

refused to pay any attention to the voice of command.—Cleveland Leader. Survived Loss of Brains, With his brain smaller by four ounces than when he fired a bullet into his head on April 3, Jacob Ritz within his head on April 3, Jacob Ritz within a few days will be discharged, cured, from St. Mary's hospital, in Brooklyn. His case has drawn the attention of physicians from all parts of the city. The hospital doctors said yesterday the recovery was one of the most remarkable on record.

It was thought that even if Ritz survived he would lose sight and taste, as

vived he would lose sight and taste, as the bullet passed through the part of the brain controlling these senses. Re-

the brain controlling these senses. Repeated tests, however, have shown his sight has not been impaired and that his taste is as sensitive as ever.

A bullet plowed through Ritz's brain, fracturing the skull on both sides and passing through the frontal lobes. He lay unconscious for several days. A tumor formed between brain and skull and pressed upon the injured lobes. A rubber tube was inserted in the bullet hole in the right temple and the tumor was drained off. Before Ritz began to recover the physicians removed, through the bullet hole, part of his brain, weighing in all about four ounces.—New York Press.

sponsor, surely a trolley ride was grained off. Before Rits began to was drained off. Before Rits began to was drained off. Before Rits began to was drained off. Before Rits began to be be the cover the physicians removed, through the bullet hole, part of his better through the bullet hole, and the seems under the true through the house steem such a dreadful day. When the been such a freed in return. "I'll be glad to go wabout a man?" He—"Oh, a man begin to worry for fear he will." begin to warn't get a he won't get man?" He—"Oh, a man will be been did any when the seems such a dreadful day. When the been such a freed in return. "I'll be glad to go wabout a man?" He—"Oh, a man will be been such that the seems such a dreadful day. When the been such a freed in return. "I'll be glad to go wabout a man?" He—"Oh, a man begin to worry for fear he will." Better to be an ugly duckling house the hous AWAKENING OF CHINA.

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Fruit and Sugar for Horses.

Grain is not the only food on which the horse thrives. In Egypt the Khedive's best mares are fed largely on currants, and these fruit-fed animals are noted for their endurance and speed. Figs, during the fig harvest, form the food of the horses of Smyrna; they turn to it from oats or hay. The green tops of the sugar cane are fed to the horses of the West Indies, and for long weeks, in many parts of Can-

THE EVENING STORY

The Last Straws

[By Carl Williams.] Though the windows were opened to the fullest no breath of air seemed to enter. The awning ropes hung limp and lifeless. The scallops that were bound in gay braid did not stir.

the cleaners as they worked in other offices already emptied of workers, and once or twice one of the women poked her head through the open door to see

Stella bent wearily over the typewriter, her flying fingers writing in the addresses from a huge list on the desk beside her, while at a nearby ta-ble the office boy slipped in the cir-culars which the envelopes were in-

desk beside her, while at a nearby table the office boy slipped in the circulars which the envelopes were intended to carry.

To Stella it had seemed the last straw when, just before closing time, the office manager had brought her the voluminous list and had ordered her to see that the circulars were sent out that evening. He was going out of town and had left early.

The other clerks had slipped out as soon as he had disappeared, and, with only the assistance of the boy, she had to send out 300 circulars. In his hurry to get away the manager had not even left the usual "supper monfey," so she would get nothing to eat until she reached her boarding house. It would be long after the regular dinner hour and she would be lucky to get anything at all.

and she would be lucky to get anything at all.

It was nearly eight when the last envelope swallowed up the last circular, and she was free to go. The elevator had stopped running, so she and her helper faced a walk down eight flights of stairs. For the third time in as many hours Stella told herself that this was the last straw.

She was not used to the grinding toil of the city, and even the regular work came hard. When her father had died, and his wife had followed him to the grave within a few months, all of the

grave within a few months, all of the little savings had gone to the physician and the undertaker. and the undertaker. Stella faced the task of self-suppor Stella faced the task of self-support bravely enough, but there were times when her over-tired nerves were rubged to rawness, and even the little things of life bore heavily upon her.

The extra work coming at the close of a particularly trying day had exhausted her vitality. Listlessly she climbed aboard an uptown car and sank into a seat, glad that the home-going rush was over and that she did not have to stend up all the way.

rush was over and that she did not have to stand up all the way.

The approach of the conductor roused her from her absorption and she opened her purse. As she glanced into the change compartment, she gave a cry of dismay. The pocketbook, never well filled, even on pay days, was bare of coin.

coin. Feverishly she tumbled its contents into her lap, replacing the articles af-ter shaking them one by one, but the 25 cents which had been there when she returned from lunch had disap-

peared.
"That bluff don't go." The conductor's voice was hard and unfriendly. He had had a row with the inspector on the last trip, and his ill humor had

on the last trip, and his ill humor had not yet subsided.

"You'll have to pay or get off," he added, as Stella looked up with the tears trembling on the heavy fringe of lashes. "We don't have to take tears for tickets. Got the coin?"

Not daring to trust her voice, Stella shook her head and thought of the three mile walk ahead of her. The other "last strawa" became insignificant in the face of the new trouble.

The conductor reached up to pull the rope, but across the aisle a man rose and checked him.

"Don't get off, miss."

"Don't get off, miss."
Stella looked up into the friendly face and smiled her thanks through

her tears. "I've got the change handy." "You must let me send you the money, "she said. "I am very greatly obliged to you."

"I forget where I live," was the unblushing statement. "Just you forget it, too, until you see some one that needs a nickel real bad, and tell 'em

in the fact that Stella's confusion prevented her glancing across the aisle, which enabled him to regard her steadily without embarrassment. Disappointed at the turn affairs had taken, the conductor retired to the rear platform to devise new names for the inspector, and Stella looked out of the window with a new sense of content of the stellar of the stel

tentment. Nine months she had lived in city and this was the first time that any one in the throngs of men and women had paused in the rush of the workaday world to be friendly. Coming at a time when the "last straw" had nearly had the effect of breaking her spirit. if not her back the

had nearly had the effect of breaking her spirit, if not her back, the courtesy was doubly welcome.

She turned suspicious, however, when she rose to leave the car and found that her companion was following her. He read her thoughts with quick comprehension.

"I live on this street," he explained with a frank smile. "I live at 237."

"I live at 240," she cried, blushing to find that she was pleased to know that he lived near-by.

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"Skerry's?" he asked. "I say! I say! I know the old lady. If I come over after dinner will you let her introduce us and go out trolley riding? It's nice to ride up to the bridge. There's sure to be a breeze there."

A stella nodded. If the particular more sponsor, surely a trolley ride was proper. Stella beamed on the young man.

ing place the man looked down into her face.

"And you'll let me call for you again, soon?" he asked. "Don't wait until the straws make too heavy a

Stella nodded an assent.

"There aren't going to be any more straws," she declared. "I guess the only straw was loneliness—and I'm not lonely now."

"And you're not going to be if I can help it," was the hearty reply, and Stella's heart heat faster as she realized that soon she would be neither lonely nor alone. Unlike the camel's load, her last straw had led to happiness.—(Copyrighted, 1908, by Associated Literary Press.)

HUMOR OF THE DAY

"Caddy, how many strokes is that for this hole?" asked the golfer with the plaid

"Can't say?"
"No, sir; I can only count up to 12, sir."
Pick Me Up.

"Our train struck a bear on the way down."
"Was he on the track?"
"No, the train had to go into the woods after him."—Washington Herald.

She—They say that a man become that with which he continually He—Ridiculous idea! I've been a fish-monger all my life and can't swim a yard yet!—London Opinion.

"Your wife is very fond of animals, is she not?"
"Indeed, she is."
"Loves you devotedly, I suppose."—
Houston Post.

"How do you suppose that vulgar mil-lionaire's wife ever managed to get in the society of such exclusive women?"
"I believe she always loses at bridge."

Hercules was poisoned by the shirt of Nessus. "I should have been suspicious." he muttered. "The top button was on." Herewith he sought the pyre.—New York.

"Didn't I give you ten cents to get a meal?"
"Ye, sir."
"And now I find you in a saloon."
"I came in to get a piece of cheese. Dey don't serve cheese with them 10-cent dinners."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I hear he is getting rich since he quit drinking."

"Appearances would indicate that he is. I understand he is about to trade the water wagon for an automobile."—Nashville American.

"Poor Adam!" sighed Mr. Nupop.
"Why poor Adam?" demanded Mrs. N.
"He didn't have anybody to whom he could tell the bright things little Cain said."—Cleveland Leader.

Blobbs-Closefit says he believes in tak-ing thing as they comme. Slobbs-Yes, but he hates to part with them as they go.-Philadelphia Record. Ardupp-Anyway, I never borrow trou-Knox—That's queer.

Ardupp—What's queer about it?

Knox—It's one of the few things people are not expected to pay back.—Chicago

"Some people," grumbled Groucher, make me sick."
"I should think nearly everybody would make you sick," replied Diggs.
"Indeed! Why?"
"Reciprocity, you know."—Catholio Standard and Times.

"Say, pa, won't you buy me a drum?"
"No, I'm afraid you'd disturb me wit the noise."
"No. I won't, pa; I'll only drum when asleep."—Lafe.

Senator B.—Well, most of them think as they think I do.—Somerville Journal.

"How time changes our impressions," remarked the melancholy man.
"I have been reminded of that," answered the indolent friend. "by my alarm clock. An hour which at night I look forward to with eager interest becomes next morning merely a matter of reasies.

Feminine Customer - What beautiful things you make of celluloid! Do you think you could make a pipe out of it?
Shopman (aghast)—Why, madam, don't
you know—
F. C.—Oh, I don't care what it costs.
I want to give it to my husband for a
birthday present.—Chicago Tribune.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS

[From the Philadelphia Record.] An all 'round good man should be many sided.

Some men never arrive at a conclu-sion until they die. The people who go to law don't al-ways find it so easy to get back. Most of us feel that we could bear each other's burdens better than our

The coward rejoices in the theory that discretion is the better part of It isn't necessarily the man with the red nose who believes in letting his light shine before men.

own.

When a woman marries a man with whiskers she is curious for the rest of her life to know how he would look without them.

Blobbs—"A woman over in Jersey gave birth to quadruplets the other day." Slobbs—"Yes, the stork sometimes makes a goose of himself."

"It takes a lot of nerve to succeed," remarked the Wise Guy. "Yes, but it takes a lot more to explain successfully why you didn't," added the Simple Mug. He—"When a woman reaches the age of 30 she begins to worry for fear she won't get married." She—"And how about a man?" He—"Oh, a man begins to worry for fear he will."

True friends are those who listen to your talk when you don't say any-thing.